REGULAR MEETING November 19, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Annapolis City Council was held on November 19, 2001 in the Council Chamber. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Johnson, Aldermen Hammond, Tolliver, Gilmer, Sachs,

McMillan, Carter, Fox, Moyer

Staff Present: City Attorney Goetzke

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

- C Mayor Johnson presented to Kirby McKinney a Pride in Place certificate from the Maryland Downtown Development Association awarded to the City of Annapolis for Stanton Community Center Revitalization.
- C Mayor Johnson presented Robert H. Campbell a Certificate in Appreciation of his years of playing Santa Claus to generations of Annapolitans as the City's official St. Nick.
- C Mayor Johnson presented an award to Samuel Gilmer for outstanding service to the citizens of Annapolis as Alderman Ward 3 from 1981 2001.
- C Mayor Johnson presented an award to Joseph Sachs for outstanding service to the citizens of Annapolis as Alderman Ward 4 from 8-9-93 to 12-6-93 and 12-1-97 to 12-3-01.
- C Mayor Johnson presented an award to Herbert H. McMillan for outstanding service to the citizens of Annapolis as Alderman Ward 5 from 12-1-97 to 12-3-01.
- C R-30-01 For the purpose of recognizing Alderman Samuel Gilmer for his service to the citizens of Annapolis; and all matters relating to said recognition.

Alderman Hammond moved to adopt R-30-01 on first reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Tolliver moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

There being no voiced objection, R-30-01 was adopted on second reading.

- C Alderman Moyer presented an award to Dean L. Johnson for outstanding service to the citizens of Annapolis as Mayor from 12-1-97 to 12-3-01
- C Alderman Gilmer moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.
- C Alderman Sachs moved to approve the Journal of Proceedings for October 8, 2001 and October 22, 2001. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

PETITIONS, REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

 Bill Wilson representing Southwoods Community Association 1517 Ritchie Lane Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Spoke against O-31-01

 Alan Hyatt, Esq. representing Crab Cove, LLC 1919 West Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Spoke in favor of O-41-01

Arthur Kungle, Jr.
 P.O. Box 365
 Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Spoke regarding discrimination

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ORDINANCES

O-12-00 For the purpose of revising the definition of "accessory/appurtenant structure" by removing the greater than three hundred square feet and one story requirement; and matters generally relating to said definition.

Alderman Hammond moved to postpone O-12-00. Seconded.

Following discussion, Alderman Hammond withdrew the motion.

Alderman Hammond moved to postpone O-12-00 indefinitely. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-27-01 For the purpose of adding requirements for the regulation of buildings accessory to single-family dwellings; and matters generally relating to said definition and regulation.

There being no voiced objection, O-27-01 was postponed.

O-12-01 For the purpose of apportioning among adjacent property owners, all city taxpayers and the State, obligations associated with installing, maintaining and replacing sidewalks; and all matters relating to said sidewalks.

Alderman Moyer moved to withdraw O-12-01. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-20-01 For the purpose of repealing and adding new the Code of the City of Annapolis Chapter 17.10, Storm water Management; and matters generally relating to said Storm water Management.

Alderman Sachs moved to withdraw O-20-01. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-23-01 For the purpose of amending the abandoned vehicle provisions of the City Code to allow one unregistered or uninspected motor vehicle to be parked on a resident's premises.

Alderman Gilmer moved to adopt O-23-01 on second reading. Seconded.

The Public Safety Committee reported favorably on O-23-01.

The main motion CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Sachs moved to adopt O-23-01 on third reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-25-01 For the purpose of amending City Code Title 15, [Note: Title 15 is Harbors and Waterfront Areas]; and matters generally relating to said Title.

Alderman Tolliver moved to adopt O-25-01 on second reading. Seconded.

Alderman Tolliver moved to amend O-25-01 as follows:

No. 1

On Page 1, line 12

strike "City Code Title 15";

add "City Code Title 15, concerning harbor lines and use permits in the WME, WMM, WMI and WMC zoning districts",

No. 2

On Page 1, line 17

strike "BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.04

Sections 15.04.020 and 15.04.030 Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)",

No. 3

On Page 1, line 31

strike "BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.12

Sections 15.12.010 - 15.12.040 Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.12

Sections 15.12.070 - 15.12.170 Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.16

Section 15.16.020

Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY adding new

Title 15

Chapter 15.16

Section 15.16.025

Code of the City of Annapolis

(1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.16

Sections 15.16.030 - 15.16.070 Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.20

Sections 15.20.010 and 15.20.020

Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.20

Sections 15.20.040 and 15.20.050

Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.24

Section 15.24.050

Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.28

Sections 15.28.020 and 15.28.030

Code of the City of Annapolis

(1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.32

Section 15.32.020

Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Title 15

Chapter 15.40

Sections 15.40.020, 15.40.060 and 15.40.090

Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)

BY adding new

Title 15

Chapter 15.40

Section 15.40.110

Code of the City of Annapolis (1996 Edition and Supplement)";

add "BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments
Title 15
Chapter 15.12
Section 15.12.160
Code of the City of Annapolis
(1996 Edition and Supplement)",

No. 4

On Page 3, line 28

- strike "A. This title and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to it-applies apply to, and shall govern, the control of all activities and the construction and use of all marinas and community and private piers and mooring piles and moorings within the waterways.
- B. The location of shorelines, the location of harbor lines for those areas of the waterways which have been developed, and the provisional location of harbor lines for those areas of the waterways which have not been developed are as shown on the maps entitled "Annapolis Harbor Lines." Detailed procedures for determining the location of harbor lines are as set forth in Sections 15.08.020, 15.08.030 and 15.08.040. The maps and all notations, dimensions, references and other data shown on the maps, as well as properly attested amendments to them, are a part of this code.
- C. The provisions of this title are in addition to existing federal, state and county regulations governing the same matters and are not intended to preempt other valid laws. The more restrictive regulations shall take precedence.

Section 15.04.030 Definitions.

For the purpose of this title, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated:

- A. "Anchoring" means to secure a watercraft to the bottom of water by dropping an anchor or anchors with a buoy or other ground tackle.
- B. "Berth" means a place where a watercraft may be secured to a fixed or floating structure and left unattended.
 - C. "Berthing area" means the water area in which boats are berthed.
- D. "Bulkhead" means a structure or partition to retain or prevent sliding of the land into the water. A secondary purpose is to protect the upland from wave action.
- E. "Community piers and moorings" means any type of structure, fixed or floating, and extending from community, condominium-owned, or leased property, generally referred to as a pier, dock or wharf, including pilings, buoys, and other similar facilities, and used for the berthing of watercraft registered to residents of the community within which the property is located or to residents or co-owners of the condominium-owned property from which the facility extends. A community pier also may be used only for the temporary berthing of watercraft owned by and registered to visitors of residents of the community or condominium, but only during the period of a visit.
- F. "Developable waterway area" means the waterway area lying between the shoreline, the harbor line and the lateral lines of waterfront property.

- G. "Developable waterfront land" means any waterfront property from which access to a waterway area can be achieved.
- H. "Dry storage" means the keeping of watercraft on the land, excluding watercraft owned by and registered to the property owner upon which the watercraft sits, and excluding watercraft awaiting repairs for a period of up to seven days, and further excluding watercraft displayed as part of a watercraft sales operation. Covered storage is dry storage within a building.
- I. "Finger pier" means a small pier structure attached (usually perpendicular) to the headwalk of a multislip pier; usually provided to facilitate access to the berthed watercraft.
- J. "Fixed harbor line" means the line defining the maximum channelward limits of marine construction, defined by and encompassing that construction lawfully installed in a given developable waterway area and identified by solid unbroken lineation on the harbor line maps.
- K. "Gabion" means a connected system of wicker or metal cages filled with brush or rock and used as bulkhead for slope protection or stabilization.
- L. "Harbor" means the navigable portion of public waters within the city limits of the City of Annapolis.
- ⊢ M. "Harbor line" means a line, either fixed or provisional, defining the maximum channelward limits of marine construction for a given developable waterway area.
- M. N. "Harbor line map" means a map of the city, scale 1:200, graphically showing zoning districts, shorelines of the waterways, channel markers and harbor lines.
- N.O. "Harbormaster" means the officer of the city who executes the regulations respecting the use of the harbor and the waterways.
- O. P. "Lateral lines" means lines extending from the shoreline to the harbor line separating adjacent developable waterway areas.
- P. Q. "Marina" means any arrangement of piers, slips, mooring piles, wharves, or buoys emplaced in the water and on abutting land and which is intended to be used for the berthing, storing, mooring, securing, servicing, repairing, selling or trading, or renting of watercraft and is not a private or community pier and mooring.
 - Q. R. "Mooring" means:
 - 1. A place where watercraft are secured other than a pier;
- 2. The equipment used to secure a watercraft, including any weight, rope, float, or other appliance which is used by a vessel for anchoring purposes and which is not carried aboard such vessel as regular equipment when underway; or
 - 3. The process of securing a watercraft other than by anchoring.
 - 4. For purposes of this Title, a mooring is not considered to be a structure.
 - R. S. "Mooring buoy" means an appliance used to secure to the bottom by

anchors and provided with attachments to which a watercraft may be secured by use of its anchor chain or mooring lines.

- S. T. "Municipal infraction" means any violation of this code which has been specifically declared to be a municipal infraction. See Chapter 1.20.
- U. "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a watercraft or vessel.
- V. "Operator" means the person who operates or has charge of the navigation or use of a watercraft or vessel.
- W. "Owner" means a person, other than a lienholder, having property in or title to a watercraft or vessel. "Owner" includes a person entitled to use or possess a watercraft or vessel subject to an interest in another person, reserved, or created by agreement and securing payment or performance of an obligation.
- S. X. "Municipal infraction" means any violation of this code which has been specifically declared to be a municipal infraction. See Chapter 1.20.
- T. Y. "Private piers and moorings" means any type of structure, fixed or floating, generally referred to as a pier, dock or wharf, including pilings, buoys, and other similar facilities, used primarily for the berthing of watercraft owned by and registered to the owner or tenant of the property from which the facility extends.
- U. Z. "Provisional harbor line" means the line defining the maximum channelward limits of marine construction in a given developable waterway area which has not been developed fully, and as defined in Sections 15.08.030 and 15.08.040 and identified by dashed broken lineation on the harbor line maps.
- ∀. AA. "Riprap" means a layer, facing or protective mound of stones randomly placed to prevent erosion, scour or sloughing of a structure or embankment.
- W. BB. "Shoreline" means the mean high water line or the waterward line of an existing bulkhead, riprap or gabion as shown on the harbor line maps.
- X. CC. "Slip" means any arrangement of a pier, one or more mooring piles or buoys designed and intended to be used for the wet storage of a single watercraft.
- DD. "Vessel" means every description of watercraft, that is capable of being used as a means of transportation on water or ice. "Vessel" includes the motor, spars, sails and accessories of a vessel.
- Y. EE. "Watercraft" means any boat or vessel used for either pleasure or commercial purposes in any waterway.
- Z. FF. "Waterway" means any water area providing access from one place to another, primarily a water area providing a regular route for water traffic.
- AA. GG. "Wet storage" means the docking, mooring, berthing or otherwise securing of watercraft to any sort of pier, wharf, dock, piling, buoy or other similar facility, other than temporary berthing. Covered slips are wet storage within a building.
- BB. HH. "Working boatyard" means an arrangement of piers, slips, mooring piles, wharves, or buoys, not to exceed thirty slips, used for the repair, construction and temporary storage of watercraft, and which are not occupied or rented by the general public.

CC. II."Yacht club" means a bona fide private, nonprofit club, owned and operated by the members, providing limited marina facilities for the use of members and their guests.",

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No. 5
On Page 7, line 27
strike "WME and WMM";
add "WME, WMM, WMI and WMC",
No. 6
On Page 7, line 34
strike "WME and WMM";
add "WME, WMM, WMI and WMC",
No. 7
On Page 7, line 40
strike "WME and WMM";
add "WME, WMM, WMI and WMC",
No. 8
On Page 7, line 42
strike "is located":
add "is located the lesser of no further channelward that one-fourth of the minimum
distance to the opposite shoreline or",
No. 9
On Page 8, line 1
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A city building permit is required to rebuild, modify, construct or enlarge any structure intended to be installed permanently in the waterways. This permit is obtained from the department of public works. An application for a building permit, under either Section 15.12.030 or 15.12.040, shall be filed and obtained in accordance with department of public works procedures before any work is initiated. For purposes of this section, a mooring is not considered a "structure."

Section 15.12.020 Building permit--Concept review.

strike "Section 15.12.010 Building permit--Required.

A. Prior to filing an application for a building permit under the provisions of Section 15.12.030 or 15.12.040, a prospective applicant may file with the port wardens a sketch setting forth a concept plan of the proposed improvements. The sketch shall contain, at a minimum, an outline of the developable waterway area for the property, as well as the location and dimensions of all existing and proposed piers, mooring piles, mooring buoys and shore protection structures.

B. Following submission of the sketch of a concept plan as provided by subsection A of this section, the chair of the port wardens, or the chair's designee, shall meet with the prospective applicant, together with the director of public works, the director of planning and zoning and the fire chief, or their respective designees. At this meeting, city officials shall review the concept plans with the prospective applicant and provide objections or suggestions, as appropriate. Thereafter, an application for a building permit may be filed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.12.030 and 15.12.040. To the extent practicable, the application shall take into account any objections or suggestions provided at the concept review meeting.

Section 15.12.030 Building permit--Application--Rebuilding or repair.

A person may not repair or rebuild any structure permanently installed in the waterways without a permit issued by the director of public works or his designee. For purposes of this section, a mooring is not considered a structure. An application shall be submitted to the director and shall be accompanied by such drawings and specifications as the director requires in order to determine the nature and scope of the work to be performed. If the application satisfies the applicable provisions of Title 21 of this code, as determined by the planning and zoning director, and the director of public works determines that the structure to be repaired or rebuilt lawfully was authorized by the port wardens or by Section 15.08.110 or 15.08.120 and was damaged or destroyed not more than one year prior to the date of application, and that the proposed structure is substantially the same as the structure to be repaired or rebuilt, and does not exceed the maximum channelward encroachment of the structure to be repaired or rebuilt, then the director shall issue the permit. If the application satisfies the zoning requirements but the director finds that the application does not satisfy the other provisions of this section, the director shall submit the application to the port wardens to be processed under the provisions of Section 15.12.040.

Section 15.12.040 Building permit--Application--Remodeling or new construction.

Except as provided in Section 15.12.030, an application for a building permit to construct, modify or enlarge any structure installed or intended to be installed permanently in the waterways shall be filed with the director of public works. Upon receipt of such an application, the director of public works or his designee shall refer the application to the harbormaster for review and comment. When the director of public works has determined that the application satisfies all applicable regulations of this title and the planning and zoning director has determined that the application satisfies the applicable regulations of Title 21 of this code, the director of public works or his designee shall submit the application with the supporting data to the port wardens for their approval or disapproval.

Section 15.12.070 Building permit--Fees.

- A. A nonrefundable application fee for a building permit to repair, modify, enlarge or construct any fixed and permanent structure in the waterways shall be paid at the time the application is filed.
- B. A fee for a building permit to repair, modify, enlarge or construct any fixed and permanent structure in the waterways shall be paid at the time the permit is issued.
- C. The amount of the application and permit fees shall be established from time to time by the city council, by resolution. All fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

Section 15.12.080 Building permit--Plan preparation.

Building permit applications for all marina, yacht club, working boatyard, community pier, and private pier installations with five or more boat slips shall have plans and proposed construction details prepared by a licensed Maryland engineer, unless otherwise approved by the director of public works or his designee.

Section 15.12.090 Construction standards.

- A. All structures intended for installation in the waterways shall be constructed to meet at least the minimum standards as established by the director of public works or his designee, including compliance with electrical, plumbing and floodplain codes.
 - B. All piers shall be of the open-pile design. Filled piers are not permitted.
- C. Bulkheads and other shoreline protection structures may not be constructed in the waterway, except as approved by the director of public works or his designee, the port wardens and state and federal agencies, if required.
- D. All structures intended for construction in the waterways shall be installed by persons properly licensed in the State of Maryland and the City of Annapolis.

Section 15.12.100 Mooring permit--Required.

- A No person shall not place, or cause to be placed, or maintain from Α. year to year any mooring buoys in a waterway without first obtaining a permit from the director of public works harbormaster. All moorings installed after August 1, 2001 must meet minimum standards approved by the port wardens and provided to each applicant by the harbormaster. A permit is valid for not more than one year from date of issuance and shall expire on April 30th of each year unless renewed. An application for a mooring permit shall be filed with the director of public works harbormaster. An application for a mooring buoy in the developable waterway shall contain the consent of the contiguous riparian property owner. When the director of public works has determined that the application satisfies the applicable regulations of this title, the director shall submit the application to the port wardens for their approval or disapproval after consideration of the application in accordance with the provisions of Section 15.20.010 and Chapter 15.40. The harbormaster shall annually, on or before April 1, notify the board of port wardens of all mooring permits issued. The harbormaster shall not issue any permit for any mooring which is not in position and approved by port wardens as of April 30, 2001, without first obtaining the approval of the board of port wardens. Any person desiring to appeal a decision of the harbormaster in issuing, revoking, or processing a permit may appeal to the board of port wardens.
- B. A nonrefundable mooring permit application fee shall be paid to the harbormaster at the time the application is filed. An annual fee for a mooring permit shall be paid to the harbormaster at the time the permit is issued, and for each year thereafter for which the permit is renewed, except that a permit issued to a riparian owner for a buoy in that owner's developable waterway shall not be subject to the annual fee.
- C. The amount of the application and permit fees shall be established from time to time by the city council, by resolution and are nontransferable and nonrefundable.
- D. Any person who places, or causes to be placed, or maintains a mooring in a waterway without a permit as is required in section a above, is guilty of a municipal infraction and is subject to a fine of \$100. Each and every day that

a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.12.110 Mooring permit--Numbering--Posting.

- A. Mooring permits issued by the director of public works harbormaster shall be consecutively numbered, and the number on commercial permits shall bear the letter "C" as a prefix. Every mooring permit number clearly shall be legible at all times and shall be placed conspicuously on the mooring, mooring pile, floating wharf, buoy or boat for which issued in numerals not less than two inches tall, and each commercial permit also shall bear the letter "C" at least two inches tall.
- B. Violation of this section is, in addition to any other authorized remedy, a municipal infraction and is subject to a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.12.120 Grading permit.

- A. A grading permit is required for any dredging, filling or other activity which would result in a waterway bottom or shoreline modification.
- B. Application for the permit shall be filed with the director of public works or his designee. The director shall submit the application to the environmental commission for an environmental assessment. When the director has determined that the application satisfies all applicable city codes, the application shall be submitted to the port wardens with the environmental assessment and all supporting data for their approval or disapproval.
- C. The nonrefundable fee for the application for a grading permit shall be paid at the time the application is filed. The fee for a grading permit shall be paid at the time of issuance.
- D. The fees for the application and the grading permit shall be established from time to time by the city council and are nontransferable and nonrefundable.

Section 15.12.130 State and federal permits and approvals.

State and federal permits and approvals required for construction, modification, enlargement, reconstruction and repair of marinas, community and private piers, mooring piles, mooring, and dredging shall be obtained by the applicant and submitted to the director of public works or his designee, as a prerequisite to issuance of a city building, mooring, grading or dredging permit. The applicant shall furnish to the director or his designee a certified copy of the plans with supporting data, showing approval of the plans by state and federal agencies. If the application approved by the port wardens subsequently is modified by state or federal agencies, it shall be resubmitted to the port wardens for approval prior to issuance of any permit required by this title.

Section 15.12.140 Permit expiration and nontransferability.

- A. A mooring permit issued by the director of public works harbormaster is valid for work commenced within a period of six three months after issuance of the permit; otherwise, it is void. Work permitted by a mooring permit shall be completed within eighteen three months of the date of issuance of the permit, unless a longer period is specified in the permit or an extension is granted by the port wardens for good cause.
- B. No mooring permit is transferable without the concurrence of the director harbormaster. A request for the transfer shall be submitted by the original

applicant and the transferee shall acknowledge acceptance of the conditions under which the original permit was issued.

Section 15.12.150 Unlicensed or unauthorized structures.

- A. Any unlicensed mooring, mooring pile, floating wharf, or buoy or anchored boat found within the waters, or any licensed mooring found in an area not authorized by the port wardens, shall be posted with a notice requiring removal within seven days from the date of the notice. Unless removed or a permit is obtained within the time required by the notice, the structure may be disconnected and removed, in the discretion of the harbormaster, and may be disposed of at the expense of the owner.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of section (A) above, any unlicensed mooring, mooring pile, floating wharf, buoy or anchored boat found restricting or blocking navigation, or compromising the safety of others, may be removed immediately by the harbormaster at the expense of the owner.
- C. Violation of this section, in addition to any other authorized remedy, is a municipal infraction and is subject to a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.",

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No. 10
On Page 12, line 28
strike "WME, WMM,";
add "WME, WMM, WMI, WMC",
No. 11
On Page 12, line 33
strike "Section 15.12.170 Use permit--Application.
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Written application for a use permit for any applicable structure situated, rebuilt, modified, enlarged or constructed in the waterways shall be made at the same time as the application for a building permit for the structure. A written request for issuance shall be made to the planning and zoning director after completion and inspection approval of the work covered by the building permit.

Section 15.16.020 Flotation, anchorage and moorage.

A. A watercraft:

- 1. May not be anchored in the waterways where prohibited or restricted by the port wardens or within one hundred feet of any city public mooring, except in an emergency or with the prior written permission of the harbormaster;
- 2. May not lie at anchor or be moored in the waterways within 75 feet of any structure or private mooring, or in a position to obstruct navigation;
- 3. May not be tied or moored to any public dock, wharf or bulkhead without the permission of the harbor master;
- 4. May not remain in the waterways if it is either not in a condition to keep afloat or is sunk.

B. A person who permits any activity prohibited by subsection A of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor municipal infraction and shall be subject to a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

C. Removal:

- 1. Upon discovering a watercraft in violation of subsection A of this section, the harbor master shall request the owner or master of the watercraft to remove the vessel, if the owner or master is aboard the vessel or if the harbor master finds the owner or master in the immediate vicinity of the vessel. If the request is refused or if the owner or master is not found in the immediate vicinity of the vessel, the harbor master may have the watercraft removed to a boat storage facility and placed in storage, and the harbor master then shall attempt to notify the owner of the boat as to the storage location. The watercraft may not be released without an order for its release signed by the director of public works harbormaster.
- 2. The owner of the watercraft is responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the towing and storage of the vessel. The costs and expenses shall constitute a lien upon the watercraft and shall be paid before an order for the release of the vessel may be issued.

Section 15.16.025 Storage of watercraft in city harbor waters or on the shores of city waters.

A. Permit required.

Any person responsible for any watercraft found not under way at any time during any daylight hours in the waters of the city for more than 30 days in any six-month period, or any dinghy stored at a public street ending for more than 10 days, shall submit to the harbormaster an application for a monthly permit for each calendar month during which the watercraft shall for any increment of time continue to occupy city waters, unless:

B. Exemptions.

- 1. The watercraft is stored within a legal slip at a private marina or dock; or, if stored at a commercial marina, is stored within the spaces allocated by the conditional use permit for that marina, or
- 2. The watercraft is legally occupying a private mooring with a current permit approved by the port wardens; or,
- 3. The watercraft is legally occupying berthing or mooring space at a city public facility; or,
- 4. The watercraft is legally engaged in commerce carrying out construction, dredging, or other tasks, permits for which have been approved by the port wardens; or
- 5. The watercraft is owned and operated by a federal, local, or state government.
 - C. Applicability.
 - Watercraft.

Except as provided in the exemptions, all watercraft found in or upon any

waters of the city, or found occupying any beach, bulkhead, ramp, or other portion of the intertidal shorelines of the city, whether bordering public or private property, shall be subject to this ordinance.

2. Persons.

a. Control or possessory interest in watercraft.

The most recent titled owner of a currently registered watercraft, or the most recent person claiming any control or possessory interest in any watercraft for whom a chain of ownership cannot be established, shall be the person responsible for the watercraft under the provisions of this ordinance.

b. Owner of place of illegal storage.

Any owner of a dock, marina, beach, bulkhead, or other property where a watercraft is stored in a manner violating the conditional use permit for the property, or violating laws relating to condition of the watercraft, or any other laws, including state or federal registration laws, shall be deemed the person responsible for the violating watercraft and shall be subject to the criminal sanctions herein unless that person is actively pursuing action against another person claiming the watercraft to cause it to be removed or the violating condition corrected, in which case section C, paragraph 2(A) shall become effective.

- D. Fees and standards for issuance.
- 1. The fee for the permit for any watercraft 17 feet or more in overall length shall be \$30.00 per calendar month for the first three calendar months, after which it shall increase to \$100 per month.
- 2. The fee for the permit for any watercraft under 17 feet in overall length and not entered and marked as a dinghy on a permit issued by the port wardens for a private mooring, shall be \$10.00 per month, or \$60 per year.
- 3. All permit fees and fines received by the city from the provisions of this ordinance shall accrue to the dock fund.
- 4. The harbormaster shall provide an annual sticker to mark those watercraft in category D(2) for which an annual permit has been approved.
- 5. Permit fees for all vessels over 17 feet which have been determined by the harbormaster to be suitable for occupancy and which are occupied shall include shower, e-mail, mail, garbage, dingy, water, and pumpout privileges as provided by the harbormaster for boaters. The harbormaster shall administer and account for all such services provided.
 - 2. Reasons for denial or revocation.
- A. Continued occupancy must be provable. If it appears to the harbormaster that the reason for the application for a permit is to enable more than 30 days of free storage or anchorage of any unoccupied watercraft which is not in continuous recreational use, if the watercraft is illegally stored at a dock or marina, or if the watercraft appears unsafe or dilapidated, or not likely to get underway regularly, or if the watercraft appears oversized or in any way incompatible with the anchorage, or if the watercraft is aground, or if the watercraft appears to be in violation of any federal, local or state law, or not suitable for human occupancy in any respect, the harbormaster may revoke or refuse to grant the permit.

- B. If the watercraft's continued occupancy of city waters would in the harbormaster's judgment be incompatible with, or in any way interfere with, scheduled city regattas or events, the harbormaster may revoke or refuse to grant the permit.
- C. If the watercraft's proposed or actual place of storage is in an area which in the harbormaster's judgement is filled to capacity, the permit may be refused or revoked.
- D. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as limiting the powers of the harbormaster under other ordinances which may apply.

3. Notice.

1. In cases where the owner or operator of an unoccupied watercraft cannot be located, notice of non-compliance or revocation shall be posted on the unoccupied watercraft for 5 days and this shall constitute all the notice required by law to pursue any and all sanctions against a violation. In all cases where the owner or operator of the watercraft can be contacted, such notice shall be communicated to the violator by the issuance of a written warning or a written citation.

E. Sanctions.

- 1. A person responsible for a watercraft, who fails to obtain a permit as required above, or whose permit has been revoked, and who allows that watercraft to remain in city waters without the required permit, shall be guilty of an infraction punishable by a \$100 fine per day of continued violation.
- 2. The harbormaster is hereby granted all police powers necessary to enforce or to order any provision of this ordinance enforced against persons found in violation, and to seize and store any watercraft found in violation.
- 3. An unoccupied watercraft found in violation, shall 5 days after posting of notice be subject to seizure and removal by the harbormaster. If seized, it shall be removed to a safe place of storage, on dry land in a boatyard which provides security during night hours, or in such other storage as the harbormaster may deem safe for storage considering the circumstances. The standard charge for such seizure shall be \$300.00, for a watercraft longer than 17 feet in overall length, and \$50.00 for a watercraft shorter than 17 feet in overall length, and no lesser charges shall be levied, but if actual costs of seizure, transport, and storage, advertising, or other fees exceed whichever minimum amount above is called for in any particular case, the harbormaster shall keep a record of actual additional costs, and those costs shall be levied against the watercraft.
- 4. A watercraft which has been seized shall not be released to the owner until all charges have been paid and the harbormaster has approved the release.
- 5. A watercraft which has been seized and which has not been claimed and recovered by the owner within six months, shall be proceeded against under the provisions of the abandoned vessel laws of the State of Maryland.
- 6. Violation of this section is a municipal infraction and is subject to a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.16.030 Excessive wake and speed.

A person may not propel or navigate any motor-driven watercraft, except in

the Severn River, at a speed greater than six knots per hour, nor create a wash or wake which endangers persons or property. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100.

Section 15.16.040 Operating condition--Major repairs.

A person may not dock a watercraft which is not in an operating condition in the city harbor; and major repairs may not be made to watercraft in the dock area. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.

Section 15.16.050 Cooking equipment.

A person may not cook by means of charcoal burning or propane barbeques on a watercraft in the city dock; and no person may use or operate any type of outdoor cooking equipment on city dock property. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.16.060 Swimming and water skiing prohibited.

A person may not swim or water ski in the city dock waters. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.16.070 Fueling watercraft at city dock.

A person may not fuel watercraft at the city dock, including the area from the outboard end of the city harbor to Market Space. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.20.010 Restricted mooring and anchoring areas.

- A. The port wardens shall designate restricted areas within the developable waterway where mooring and anchoring will not be permitted for reasons of public and navigational safety. The areas shall include those in the vicinity of fueling docks, cable crossings, the entrance to the city dock, a holding area for boats awaiting the Eastport Bridge opening, and other areas where congestion can become a safety and navigational hazard. The port wardens may also designate areas in the developable waterways where anchoring is restricted to specified periods of time or purposes.
- B. The restricted area designated by the port wardens shall be posted in the water. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.20.020 Public moorings.

A. The port wardens harbormaster may designate where public mooring buoys shall be placed by the director of public works and shall obtain a permit for all new public moorings from the port wardens. These public mooring buoys shall be available upon payment in advance of a mooring rental fee. The amount of the fee shall be determined, from time to time, by the city council, by resolution. The mooring shall be of two types: long-term, one month or more, and transient, less than one month.

B. The harbor master shall receive applications and fees for the rental of these buoys. Use of these buoys without permission of the harbormaster and payment of the prescribed fee is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.20.040 Mooring at city property.

- A. Any person who moors or ties a watercraft to any portion of the city dock or other property belonging to the city designated for mooring, or rafts to another watercraft or watercraft moored or tied to any bulkhead in the inner harbor of the city dock area first shall obtain permission of the owner of the other watercraft and then obtain the permission of the harbor master for the mooring privileges. The applicant shall pay fees to the harbor master for mooring privileges as are specified, from time to time, by the city council, by resolution.
- B. On any day before a holiday, and from Thursday afternoon through Sunday morning, hourly docking shall be permitted only from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The harbormaster may, at his discretion, allow any watercraft docked at city dock on any such day after the hour of 5:00 p.m. and before the hour of 6:00 a.m., to pay less than the full daily fee for each such day. If, after a request by the harbormaster to make such payment, the owner or operator of any such watercraft shall fail to remit such payment, he shall be chargeable for a violation of Section 15.16.020 and the watercraft subject to removal at the owner's expense. The harbormaster shall post notice of this section at each berth. At times not listed above, the harbormaster shall charge hourly dockage as specified, from time to time, by the city council, by resolution.
- C. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.20.050 Boarding or tampering with watercraft.

- A. No unauthorized person shall climb into or upon any watercraft moored, docked or anchored without the consent of the owner or other person having charge of the watercraft.
- B. No person wilfully shall injure or tamper with, or break or remove any part of or from, a watercraft, or tamper with the lines securing a watercraft, without consent of the owner or other person having charge of the watercraft.
- C. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.24.050 Violation--Penalty. Enforcement

This chapter shall be enforceable by the harbormaster. A \forall violation of this chapter is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.28.020 Watercraft toilets.

No person shall operate the toilet fixtures of a watercraft within the waterways at any time so as to cause or permit to pass or to be discharged into the waters any sewage or other waste matter or contaminate of any kind which does not meet the state, county and federal requirements for water quality. Violation of this section is

a municipal infraction misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500. Each and every day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.28.030 Discharges into waters.

No person shall discharge, or permit or allow any other person on a watercraft under that person's control or command to discharge, any human or animal excreta or other refuse from any head, toilet or similar facility on a watercraft into the waters. No person shall throw, discharge, deposit or leave or cause, suffer or permit to be thrown, discharged, deposited or left, either from the shore or from any pier or watercraft, oil, fuel, toxic materials or any refuse matter of any description into the waters or on the shore where the materials or refuse may be washed into the harbor or waters, either by tides, by floods or otherwise. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500.

Section 15.32.020 Retail sale of seafood from watercraft at city dock.

No watercraft shall be permitted to lie at any of the city docks or wharves for the purpose of the retail sale of fish, other seafood or other merchandise or services. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor municipal infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. Each and every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 15.40.020 Enforcement responsibility generally.

The department of public works, harbormaster and the police department shall enforce this title. The department of public works shall enforce those sections dealing with structures, and the harbormaster and police departments shall enforce those sections dealing with vessels, navigation, anchorage, moorage, and moorings. The harbormaster or his designee and the police department shall have the power to issue citations to the operator or owner, or if no operator or owner is found in the vicinity of the violation, attach the citation to a conspicuous place on any watercraft found in violation of this title. (See attached.)

Section 15.40.060 Hearings and decisions.

- A. Whenever an application is submitted by the director of public works or by the harbormaster to the port wardens, the port wardens shall cause notice of the hearing of the application to be published once in each week for two consecutive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation published in the city. The second advertisement shall be published at least seven days prior to the hearing. In addition to the foregoing, whenever an application is submitted by the director of public works to the port wardens pursuant to Section 15.12.050 or Section 15.12.060, notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be mailed to all persons owning property within riparian rights within one hundred fifty feet of the applicant's property. The mailing required by this section shall be made not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the hearing.
- B. The notice required by subsection A of this section shall specify the names and residency of the applicant, the location of the projected construction and description of the construction proposed and such other information as the port wardens shall direct. The notice also shall advise that an appeal from a decision of the port wardens to the city council is on the record of the proceedings made before the port wardens and that persons who may desire to appeal a decision of the port wardens shall provide for a verbatim account of the port wardens' proceedings to be recorded and transcribed. The cost of the publication of notice of hearing shall be borne by the applicant.

- C. The decision of the port wardens shall be in writing and shall contain the findings of fact upon which the decision is based. All decisions of the port wardens shall be filed with the city clerk.
- D. The port wardens shall cause notice of their decision pertaining to an application to be published within two weeks in one newspaper of general circulation published in the city. The cost of the publication of the notice of decision also shall be borne by the applicant.
- E. On motion of the applicant or any person who testified at the hearing filed with the city clerk and the director of public works within fifteen days after the date of a decision, the port wardens may reopen a hearing and exercise revisory power over its decision in case of fraud, mistake or newly discovered evidence that could not have been discovered by due diligence before the initial hearing. If the motion is filed by the applicant, a copy shall be mailed by the applicant to all persons owning property with riparian rights within one hundred fifty feet of the applicant's property. If the motion is filed by any other person, a copy of the motion shall be mailed by the person to the applicant. The port wardens decide the motion within ten days after the date on which it is filed. The foregoing notwithstanding, a motion may not be filed under this subsection if an appeal from the decision has been filed in the Circuit Court.

Section 15.40.090 Violation--Infraction.

Except as otherwise provided, a person who violates this title is guilty of a municipal infraction and is subject to a fine of ten one hundred dollars for any single, initial violation and a fine of ten one hundred dollars for each repeat or continuing violation.

Section 15.40.110 Removal and disposal of abandoned vessels.

- A. Pursuant to the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland § 38-721 (h), the Department of Natural Resources has delegated to the City of Annapolis the authority to remove and dispose of abandoned vessels as set forth below.
- B. Definition of "abandoned vessel". in this title, "abandoned vessel" means any vessel that:
- 1. Is left illegally or has remained without permission for more than 30 days on public property, including public marinas, docks, or boatyards;
- 2. Has remained on private property, including private marinas, docks, or boatyards, for more than 180 days without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property; or
- 3. Has been found adrift or unattended in or upon the waters of the state, and is found in a condition of disrepair as to constitute a hazard or obstruction to the use of the waters of the state or presents a potential health or environmental hazard.
- C. Seizure and removal by harbormaster. the harbormaster, or his designee, may seize, remove, and take into custody any abandoned vessel. For this purpose, the harbormaster may use his own personnel, equipment, and facilities or use other persons, equipment, and facilities for removing, preserving, or storing abandoned vessels. The department may not be held liable for any damage to an abandoned vessel which may occur during removal, storage, or custody of the vessel.

- D. Notice to owner and secured parties. as soon as reasonably possible but not later than 15 days after the harbormaster takes an abandoned vessel into custody, the harbormaster shall send a notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service to the last known registered owner of the vessel and to each secured party, as shown on the records of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
 - E. Contents of notice. the notice shall:
 - 1. Describe the vessel;
 - 2. Give the location where the vessel is being held;
- 3. Inform the owner and secured party of a right to reclaim the vessel within 3 weeks upon payment to the department of any expenses incurred during removal and custody of the vessel; and
 - 4. State that failure to claim the vessel will constitute:
 - a. a waiver of all right, title, and interest in the vessel; and
 - b. a consent to the harbormaster's disposition of the vessel.
- F. Notice by publication. if the harbormaster is unable to determine the last registered owner or the identity of any secured party of the abandoned vessel, or if the certified mail notice required under subsection (d) of this section is returned as undeliverable, the harbormaster shall give the required notice by publication in at least 1 newspaper of general circulation in the area where the abandoned vessel was found. The notice by publication shall contain the information required under subsection (e) of this section and shall be published within 30 days of the seizure of the abandoned vessel, or within 15 days of the return of the certified mail notice as undeliverable.
- G. Disposal following failure to claim vessel. if the owner or secured party fails to claim the abandoned vessel within 3 weeks after the certified mail notice or after the notice by publication is given, the harbormaster may sell the vessel at public auction, proceed to receive title to the vessel pursuant to the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland § 8-722, or otherwise dispose of the vessel.
- H. Disposal without notice. if the abandoned vessel is in such a condition of disrepair that the harbormaster cannot remove the vessel intact, the harbormaster may dispose of the vessel in whatever manner is reasonable without providing the notice required under subsections (d) through (f) of this section."

Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

The main motion as amended CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Moyer moved to adopt O-25-01 as amended on third reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-29-01 For the purpose of clarifying the grounds for revocation of and ineligibility for a taxicab owner's permit and a taxicab driver's permit; requiring drug treatment as a condition to receiving a taxicab owners permit or a taxicab driver's permit under certain circumstances; providing a specific time period of ineligibility to apply for taxicab owners and drivers under certain circumstances; providing procedures

related to revocation of such a permit; amending Article IV's title in Chapter 7.48; and matters generally relating to said taxicab provisions.

Alderman Sachs moved to adopt O-29-01 on second reading. Seconded.

The Economic Matters Committee reported favorably on O-29-01.

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Alderman Tolliver moved to amend O-29 -01 as follows:
No. 1
On Page 2, line 10
strike "the past five years";
add "the five years immediately preceding the date of application",
No. 2
On Page 2, line 15
strike "the past seven years";
add "the seven years immediately preceding the date of application",
No. 3
On Page 2, line 33
strike "during the twelve consecutive months following the effective date of such
revocation";
add "until such person satisfies the requirements of subsection 7.48.510 (F)",
No. 4
On Page 3, line 2
strike "a second";
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No. 5

add "two",

On Page 3, line 3

add "immediately preceding the date of application".

No. 6

On Page 4, line 8

strike "for a period of twelve consecutive months following the effective date of the revocation. Thereafter, the person may apply for a new permit, provided he";

add "until the person",

No. 7

On Page 4, line 21

strike "following the twelve month period of ineligibility imposed by subsection D of this section. Such an applicant shall submit";

add "by submitting";

Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

The main motion as amended CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Tolliver moved to adopt O-29-01 as amended on third reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-30-01 For the purpose of revising the water and sewer rates for multifamily residential condominium projects; and matters generally relating to said rates.

Alderman Moyer moved to withdraw O-30-01. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-31-01 For the purpose of requiring persons to obtain a permit for any tree trimming; requiring notification to all adjacent property owners; designating a fee for all such permits; and matters generally relating to said tree trimming.

Alderman Moyer moved to withdraw O-31-01. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-34-01 For the purpose of repealing and adding new City Code Chapter 2.08, Public Ethics and Financial Disclosure; and matters generally relating to said chapter.

There being no voice objection, O-34-01 was postponed indefinitely.

O-35-01 For the purpose of precluding amendments to a proposed annual operating budget after that day which is fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing on the budget; and all matters generally relating to said amendments.

There being no voice objection, O-35-01 was postponed indefinitely.

O-41-01 For the purpose of conveying by deed, to Crab Cove, LLC, the City's rights, title and interest in certain portions of Greenbriar Lane and Bywater Road from Forest Drive South to the City/County Line which the City is due to receive from Anne Arundel County; providing for the property to be sold at private sale; and all matters relating to said deed.

Alderman McMillan moved to adopt O-41-01on first reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Sachs moved to suspend the rules to dispense with the fiscal impact note, referral to the standing committee and second reading on O-41-01. Seconded. A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

YEAS: Mayor Johnson, Aldermen Hammond, Tolliver, Gilmer, Sachs,

McMillan, Carter, Fox, Moyer

CARRIED: 9-0

Without objection O-41-01 was adopted on third reading.

RESOLUTIONS

R-25-01 For the purpose of designating a resident agent for service of process under certain circumstances; and all matters relating thereto.

Alderman Gilmer moved to adopt R-25-01 on second reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-29-01 For the purpose of approving the development of affordable housing in Annapolis, Maryland to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland or through the Department's Community Development Administration (the "Administration").

Alderman Sachs moved to adopt R-29-01 on first reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Sachs moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

YEAS: Mayor Johnson, Aldermen Hammond, Tolliver, Gilmer, Sachs,

McMillan, Carter, Fox, Moyer

CARRIED: 9-0

Alderman Sachs moved to adopt R-29-01 on second reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS

1. Finance Committee Recommendations for Action dated October 17, 2001 and November 14, 2001

Alderman Sachs moved to adopt Finance Committee Recommendations for Action dated October 17, 2001 and November 14, 2001. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

2. Payment of Monthly Bills

Alderman Hammond moved to pay the monthly bills. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

3. Appointments

Alderman Hammond moved to approve the Mayor's (re)appointments of the following individuals:

11/15/01 Environmental Commission	Darin A. Crew
11/2/01 Environmental Commission	Suzanne M. Pogel
11/15/01 Historic Preservation Commission	Nancy Harwood Bass
11/15/01 Historic Preservation Commission	Joan M. Kaplan
11/2/01 Human Relations Commission	Jessica V. Loftis

Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Deborah Heinbuch, CMC/AAE City Clerk